

TRI

Richard the third, though he came in by blood, yet the short time of his *trial* reign he was without any, and proved one of my best lawgivers. *Howel's England's Tears.*

2. Happening every third year. *Howel's England's Tears.*
TRIAL. *n. f.* [from *try*.]
 1. One who tries experimentally.

The ingenious *triers* of the German experiment found, that their glass vessel was lighter when the air had been drawn out than before by an ounce and very near a third. *Boyle.*

2. One who examines judicially.
 Courts of justice are bound to take notice of acts of parliament, and whether they are truly pleaded or not; and therefore they are the *triers* of them. *Hale.*
 There should be certain *triers* or examiners appointed by the state to inspect the genius of every particular boy. *Speet.*

3. Telt; one who brings to the telt.
 You were used
 To say, extremity was the *trier* of spirits;
 That common chances common men could bear. *Shaksp.*

To *TRIFALL*. *v. a.* [*tres*, Latin, and *pealza*, Saxon, a harrow.] To plow land the third time before sowing. *Bailey.*
 The beginning of August is the time of *trifallowing*, or last plowing, before they sow their wheat. *Mortimer.*

TRIFID. *adj.* [among botanists.] Cut or divided into three parts. *Bailey.*
TRIFIDULARY. *adj.* [*tres* and *fidula*, Latin.] Having three pipes.

Many of that species whose *trifidular* bill or crany we have beheld. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*
 To *TRIFLE*. *v. n.* [*triflen*, Dutch.]

1. To act or talk without weight or dignity; to act with levity; to talk with folly.
 When they saw that we ought to abrogate such popish ceremonies as are unprofitable, or else might have other more profitable in their stead, they *trifle* and they beat the air about nothing which toucheth us, unless they mean that we ought to abrogate all popish ceremonies. *Hooker.*

2. To mock; to play the fool.
 Do not believe,
 That, from the sense of all civility,
 I thus would play and *trifle* with your reverence. *Shaksp.*

3. To indulge light amusement.
 4. To be of no importance.
 'Tis hard for every trifling debt of two shillings to be driven to law. *Shaffer.*

To *TRIFLE*. *v. a.* To make of no importance. Not in use.

Threefold and ten I can remember well,
 Within the volume of which time I've seen
 Hours dreadful and things strange; but this fore night
 Hath trifled former knowings. *Shaksp. Macbeth.*

TRIFLE. *n. f.* [from the noun.] A thing of no moment.
 The instruments of darkness tell us truths;
 Win us with honest trifles, to betray us
 In deepest consequence. *Shaksp. Macbeth.*

Old Chaucer doth of Topas tell,
 Mad Rabelais of Pantagruel,
 A later third of Dowdell,
 With such poor trifles playing;
 Others the like have labour'd at,
 Some of this thing, and some of that,
 And many of them know not what,
 But that they must be saying. *Drayton's Nymphid.*

The infinitely greatest confessed good is neglected, to satisfy the successive uneasiness of our desires pursuing trifles. *Locke.*

TRIFLER. *n. f.* [*triflaar*, Dutch.] One who acts with levity; one that talks with folly.

A man cannot tell whether Apelles or Albert Durer were the more *triflers*, whereof the one would make a personage by geometrical proportions, the other by taking the best parts out of divers faces to make one excellent. *Bacon.*

Shall I, who can enchant the boist'rous deep,
 Bid Boreas halt, make hills and forests move,
 Shall I be baffled by this *trifler*, love. *Granville.*

As much as systematical learning is decry'd by some vain *triflers* of the age, it is the happiest way to furnish the mind with knowledge. *Watts.*

TRIFLING. *adj.* [from *trifle*.] Wanting worth; unimportant; wanting weight.
 To a soul supported with an assurance of the divine favour, the honours or afflictions of this life will be equally trifling and contemptible. *Rogers's Sermons.*

TRIFLINGLY. *adv.* [from *trifling*.] Without weight; without dignity; without importance.
 Those who are carried away with the spontaneous current of their own thoughts, must never humour their minds in being thus triflingly busy. *Locke.*

TRIFORM. *adj.* [*triformis*, Latin.] Having a triple shape.
 The moon her monthly round
 Still ending, still renewing through mid heav'n,

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With borrow'd light her countenance *triform*.
 Hence fills, and empties, to enlighten th' earth. *Milton.*
TRIGGER. *n. f.* [derived by *Junius* from *trigue*, Fr. from *tricare*, Lat.]

1. A catch to hold the wheel on steep ground.
 2. The catch that being pulled looses the cock of the gun.
 The pulling the *trigger* of the gun with which the murder is committed, has no natural connection with those ideas that make up the complex one, murder. *Locke.*

TRIGONALS. *n. f.* [from *triginta*, Latin, thirty.]
 Trigonals or *trigintals* were a number of mallets to the tale of thirty, instituted by Saint Gregory. *Ayliff.*

TRIGLYPH. *n. f.* [In architecture.] A member of the frieze of the Dorick order set directly over every pillar, and in certain spaces in the intercolumniations. *Harris.*

The Dorick order has now and then a fober garnishment of lion's heads in the cornice, and of *triglyphs* and metopes always in the frieze. *Watson.*

TRIGON. *n. f.* [*trigone*, Fr.] A triangle. A term in astrology.

The ordinary height of a man ninety-six digits, the ancient Egyptians estimated to be equal to that mystical cubit among them filled passus Ithidis, or the *trigon* that the his makes at every step, consisting of three latera, each thirty-two digits. *Hale's Origin of Manhood.*

TRIGONAL. *adj.* [from *trigon*.] Triangular; having three corners.

A pair of a yellow hue shot into numerous *trigonal* pointed shoots of various sizes, found growing to one side of a perpendicular fissure of a stratum of free-stone in digging. *Woodward on Fossils.*

TRIGONOMETRY. *n. f.* [*trigonometrie*, Fr.]
Trigonometry is the art of measuring triangles, or of calculating the sides of any triangle sought, and this is plain or spherical.

On a discovery of Pythagoras all *trigonometry*, and consequently all navigation, is founded. *Guardian.*
TRIGONOMETRICAL. *adj.* [from *trigonometry*.] Pertaining to trigonometry.

TRILATERAL. *adj.* [*trilateral*, French; *tres* and *latus*, Lat.] Having three sides.

TRILL. *n. f.* [*trillo*, Italian.] Quaver; tremulousness of music.
 Long has a race of heroes fill'd the stage,
 That ran by note, and through the gamut rage,
 In songs and airs express'd their martial fire
 Combat in *trills*, and in a fugue expire. *Addison.*

To *TRILL*. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To utter quavering.
 Through the soft silence of the listening night
 The sober-suited fongfingers *trills* her lay. *Thomson.*

To *TRILL*. *v. n.*
 1. To trinkle; to fall in drops or slender streams.
 Did your letters pierce the queen to any demonstration of grief?
 I, she took 'em; read 'em in my presence;
 And now and then an ample tear *trill'd* down
 Her delicate cheek. *Shaksp. King Lear.*

2. To play in tremulous vibrations of sound.
 Am I call'd upon the grave debate,
 To judge of *trilling* notes and tripping feet. *Dryden.*

TRILLION. *n. f.* [A word invented by *Locke*: *trillo*, Fr.] A million of millions of millions; a million twice multiplied by a million.

TRILUMINAR. *adj.* [*triluminaris*, Latin.] Having three lights.

TRILUMINOUS. *adj.* [*triluminosus*, Latin.] Having three lights.

TRIM. *adj.* [*gymnimes*, Saxon, *completed*.] Nice; snug; dressed up.

Tone paine in cottage doth take,
 When t'other *trim* bowers do make. *Tupper's Hoß.*
 A *trim* exploit, a manly enterprise,
 To conjure tears up in a poor maid's eyes
 With your derision. *Shak. Midsummer Night's Dream.*

The Dorick order has, in comparison of those that follow, a more masculine aspect, and little *trimmer* than the Tulcan that went before, gave a fober garnishment now and then of lions heads in the cornice, and of *triglyphs* and metopes always in the frieze. *Watson's Architect.*

Doft thou not blush to live so like a beaft,
 So *trim*, so diffolute, so loosely dress'd. *Dryden's Persius.*
 To *TRIM*. *v. a.* [Saxunian, Saxon, *to build*.]

1. To fit out.
 Malicious censurers ever,
 As rav'nous fishes do a vessel follow
 That is new *trimm'd*. *Shaksp. Henry VIII.*

2. To dress; to decorate.
 Our youth got me to play the woman's part
 And I was *trim'd* in Julia's gown. *Shakspere.*
 Pennyroyal and orpin they use in the country to *trim* their houses, binding it with a last against a wall. *Bacon.*
 Two arts attend architecture, like her principal gentlewomen, to dress and *trim* her, picture and sculpture. *Watson.*

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The victim ox that was for altars prest,
Trim'd with white ribbons and with garlands drest,
 Sunk of himself. *Dryden's Georg.*

3. To have; to clip.
 Mephiboseth had neither dress'd his feet, nor *trimm'd* his beard.
 Clip and *trim* those tender strings like a beard. *Brown.*
 The barber may *trim* religion as he pleases. *Howel.*
Trim off the final superfluous branches. *Mortimer.*

4. To make neat; to adjust.
 I found her *trimming* up the diadem
 On her dead mistress. *Shaksp. Ant. and Cleopatra.*

Go, firrah, to my cell, as you look
 To have my pardon, *trim* it handfomely. *Shakspere.*
 Yet are the men more loose than they!
 More kemb'd, and bath'd, and rubb'd, and *trimm'd*
 More sleek, more soft, and flacker limb'd. *Benj. Johnson.*

To blast the living, gave the dead their due,
 And wreaths, herself had tainted, *trimm'd* anew. *Tickell.*
 When workmen fit a piece into other work, they say they *trim* in a piece. *Mason's Mech. Exercises.*

Each muse in Leo's golden days
 Starts from her trance, and *trims* her wither'd bays. *Pope.*

5. To balance a vessel.
 Sir Roger put his coachman to *trim* the boat. *Spektator.*

6. It has often *to* emphatical.
 He gave you all the duties of a man,
Trim'd up your praises with a princely tongue,
 Spoke your deservings like a chronicle. *Shakspere.*

To *TRIM*. *v. n.* To balance; to fluctuate between two parties.

If such by *trimming* and time-serving, which are but two words for the same thing, betray the church by nauseating her pious orders, this will produce confusion. *South's Sermon.*

For men to pretend that their will obeys that law, while all besides their will serves the faction; what is this but a gross, fulsome juggling with their duty, and a kind of *trimming* it between God and the devil. *South's Sermon.*

He who heard what ev'ry fool could say,
 Would never fix his thought, but *trim* his time away. *Dryden's Hind and Panther.*

TRIM. *n. f.* Dress; gear; ornaments.
 They come like sacrifices in their *trim*,
 And to the five-ey'd maid of smoky war,
 All hot, and bleeding, will we offer them. *Shakspere.*

Forget
 Your labourfome and dainty *trims*, wherein
 You made great Juno angry. *Shaksp. Cymbeline.*
 The goodly London in her gallant *trim*,
 The phoenix daughter of the vanquish'd old,
 Like a rich bride does to the ocean swim,
 And on her shadow rides in floating gold. *Dryden.*

TRIMLY. *adv.* [from *trim*.] Nicely; neatly.
 Her yellow golden hair
 Was *trimly* woven, and in tresses wrought. *Fairy Queen.*

The mother, if of the household of our lady, will have her son cunning and bold, in making him to live *trimly*. *Ascham.*

TRIMMER. *n. f.* [from *trim*.] One who changes sides to balance parties; a turncoat.

The same bat taken after by a weazel begged for mercy: no, says the weazel, no mercy to a moule: well, says t'other, but you may fee by my wings that I am a bird; and so the bat 'scaped in both by playing the trimmer. *L'Estrange's Fab.*

To confound his hated coin,
 All parties and religions join,
 Whigs, tories, *trimmers*. *Swift.*

2. A piece of wood inserted.
 Before they pin up the frame of ground-plates, they must fit in the summer and the girders, and all the joints and the trimmers for the stair-case. *Mason's Mech. Exercise.*

TRIMMING. *n. f.* [from *trim*.] Ornamental appendages to a coat or gown.

Judgment without vivacity of imagination is too heavy, and like a dress without fancy; and the last without the first is too gay, and but all *trimming*. *Garth's Pref. to Ovid.*

TRIN. *adj.* [*trinus*, Latin.] Threefold.
 Like many an angel's voice,
 Singing before th' eternal majesty,
 In their *trinal* triplicity on high. *Fa. Qu. b. i.*

That far-beaming blaze of majesty,
 Wherewith he wont at heav'n's high council table
 To fit the midst of *trinal* unity,
 He laid aside. *Milton.*

TRINE. *n. f.* [*trine*, Fr. *trinus*, Latin.] An aspect of planets placed in three angles of a trigon, in which they are supposed by astrologers to be eminently benign.

To th' other five,
 Their planetary motions, and aspects,
 In sextile, square, and *trine*, and opposite,
 Of noxious efficacy. *Milton's Par. Lost, b. x.*

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Now frequent *trines* the happier lights among,
 And high-raisd Jove from his dark prison freed,
 Thole weights took off that on his planet hung,
 Will gloriously the new-laid works succeed. *Dryden.*

From Aries right-ways draw a line, to end
 In the same round, and let that line subtend
 An equal triangle; now since the lines
 Must three times touch the round, and meet three signs,
 Where'er they meet in angles those are *trines*. *Greesh.*

To *TRINE*. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To put in a trine aspect.
 This advantage age from youth has won,
 As not to be outridden, though outrun;
 By fortune he was now to Venus *trin'd*. *Dryden.*

And with stern Mars in Capricorn was join'd. *Dryden.*
TRINITY. *n. f.* [*trinitas*, Lat. *trinité*, Fr.] The incomprehensible union of the three persons in the Godhead.

Touching the picture of the *trinity*, I hold it blasphemous and utterly unlawful.
 In my whole essay there is not any thing like an objection against the *trinity*. *Locke.*

TRINKET. *n. f.* [This *Skinner* derives somewhat harshly from *trinqet*, Fr. *trinchetto*, Ital. a *topail*. I rather imagine it corrupted from *trinket*, some petty finery or decoration.]

1. Toys; ornaments of dress; superfluities of decoration.
 Beauty and use can so well agree together, that of all the *trinkets* wherewith they are attired, there is not one but serves to some necessary purpose. *Sidney, b. ii.*

We'll see your *trinkets* here forthcoming all. *Shaksp.*
 They throng who should buy first, as if my *trinkets* had been hallowed. *Shaksp. Winter's Tale.*

Let her but have three wrinkles in her face,
 Soon will you hear the fawcy steward say,
 Pack up with all your *trinkets* and away. *Dryden's Juv.*

She was not hung about with toys and *trinkets*, tweezer-cases, pocket-glasses. *Arbuthnot's Hist. of John Bull.*

How Johnny wheedl'd, throat'n'd, fawn'd,
 Till Phyllis all her *trinkets* pawn'd. *Swift.*

2. Things of no great value; tackle; tools.
 What husbandlike husbands except they be fooler;
 But handfome have storehouse for *trinkets* and tools. *Tuff.*
 Go with all your servants and *trinkets* about you. *L'Estr.*

TRIOBOLAR. *adj.* [*triobolari*, Latin.] Vile; mean; worthless.

Turn your libel into verse, and then it may pass current amongst the balladmongers for a *triobolari* ballad. *Cheynel.*

To *TRIP*. *v. a.* [*treper*, Fr. *truppen*, Dutch.]

1. To supplant; to throw by striking the feet from the ground by a sudden motion.

He conjunct
Tripp'd me behind. *Shakspere.*
 Be you contented,
 To have a son set your decrees at naught;
 To trip the courts of law, and blunt the sword
 That guards the peace and safety of your person. *Shaksp.*

2. To strike the feet from under the body.
 I *trip* up thy heels and beat thee. *Shakspere.*

The words of Hobbes's defence *trip* up the heels of his cause; I had once resolv'd. To resolve presupposeth deliberation, but what deliberation can there be of that which is inevitably determined by causes without ourselves. *Bramhall.*

3. To catch; to detect.
 These women
 Can *trip* me, if I err; who, with wet cheeks,
 Were present when the finish'd. *Shaksp. Cymbeline.*

To *TRIP*. *v. n.*
 1. To fall by losing the hold of the feet.
 Virgil is so exact in every word, that none can be changed but for a worse: he pretends sometimes to *trip*, but it is to make you think him in danger when most secure. *Dryden.*

2. To fall; to err; to be deficient.
 Saint Jerome, who pardons not over-easily his adversaries, if any where they chance to *trip*, presseth him as thereby making all sorts of men God's enemies. *Hooker, b. v.*

Many having used their utmost diligence to secure a retention of the things committed to the memory, cannot certainly know where it will *trip* and fail them. *South.*

Will shines in mixed company, making his real ignorance appear a seeming one: our club has caught him *tripping*, at which times they never spare him. *Addison's Spect. No. 105.*

Several writers of uncommon crudition would expose any ignorance, if they caught me *tripping* in a matter of so great moment. *Addison's Spect. No. 228.*

3. To stumble; to titubate.
 I may have the idea of a man's drinking till his tongue *trips*, yet not know that it is called drunkenness. *Locke.*

4. To run lightly.
 In silence sad,
 Trip we after the night's shade. *Shakspere.*
 The old saying is, the third pays for all; the triplex, fir, is a good *tripping* measure. *Shaksp. Twelfth Night.*

He